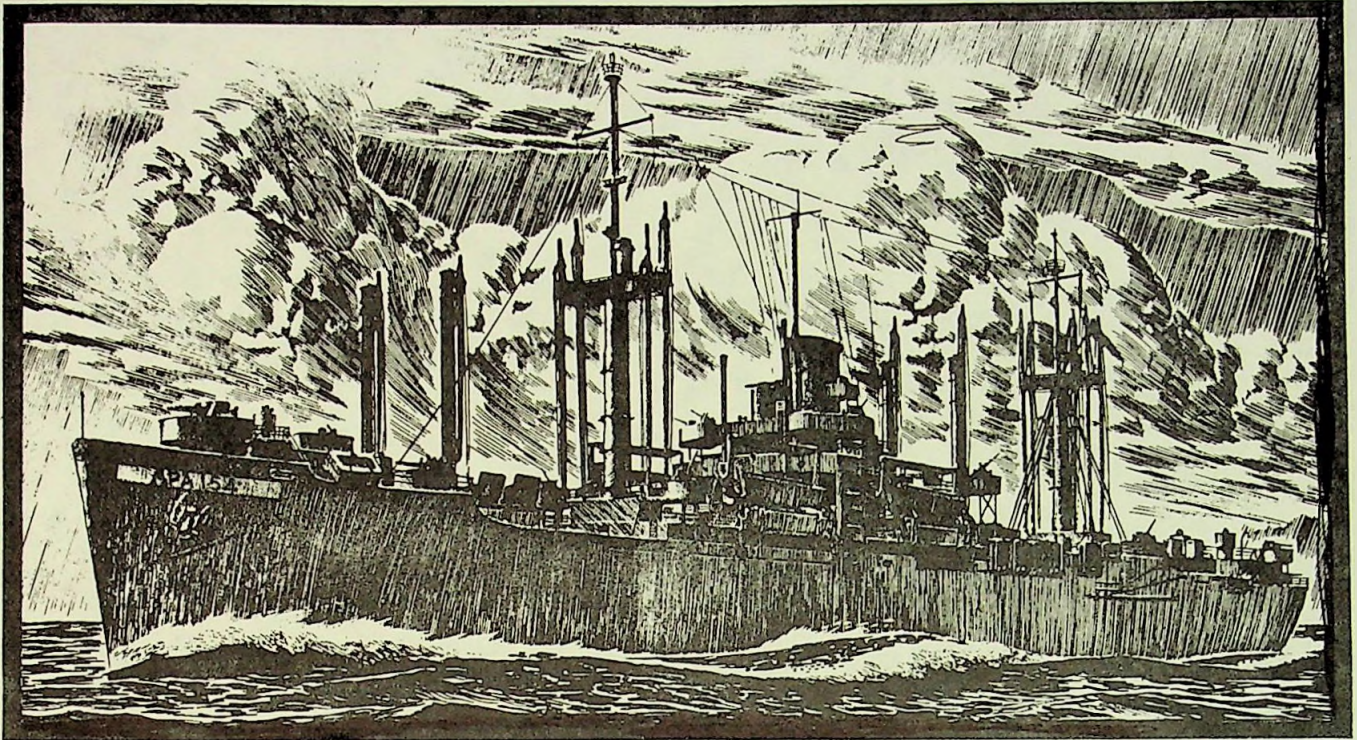


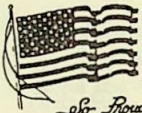
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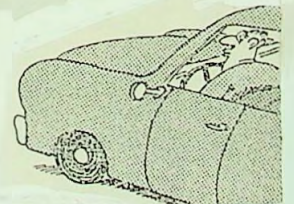
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - 1994 REUNION

San Diego Mission Valley Hilton
901 Camino del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108
Reservations 1-800-445-8667

THURSDAY 9/15/94

1500 Check in & Registrationn
Welcome Reception/Hospitality Room

FRIDAY 9/16/94

0800-0930 Breakfast on Own
1000-1200 2 Hour Harbor Cruise - You'll see Cabrillo Nat'l.
Monuments, famous Hotel Coronado, Coronado Bridge
& get a close look at U.S. Navy aircraft, carriers,
submarines, destroyers & the Star of India.
1200-1500 Lunch at Hotel Del Coronado on Own
0400-0600 Business Meeting
Lowndes Lovelies' Shopping Excursion
1900 Dinner on Own
2000-'til Hospitality Room

SATURDAY 9/17/94

0800-0930 Breakfast on Own
0930-1200 Board Bus to Wild Animal Park - 2150 acre
wildlife preserve, 3000 animals roam free
in their native habitat.
1200-1330 Lunch on Own
1330-0400 Tour of "Naval Ship" or "Old Town Trolley Tour"
See best of San Diego - 2 hr. tour covering 100
points of interest, at your own pace. On & off
at any stop.
1800-1900 Cocktails - Cash Bar
1900-2100 Banquet
2100-'til Hospitality Room

SUNDAY 9/18/94

0800-1000 Brunch

Finalization
in next
News Letter

THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES AND THEIR MATES HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY PLAN
TO ATTEND THE USS LOWNDES SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION IN SAN DIEGO:

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| Ed & Agnes Bensie | Bob & Jane Hazelett | Chuck Munson |
| Fred & Roberta Brinkman | Bob & Florence Henkels | Lyman Nedeau |
| Jim & Carol Bussard | Harley Hughes | Leo & Margaret O'Brien |
| Sally Cary | Dick Jones | Elliott Pilchard |
| Howard & Lois Chappell | Bud & Jean Kautz | Art & Marjorie Rauseo |
| Max Cole | Joseph Layton | Bill & Virginia Robinson |
| Harry & Lupe Contreras | Don & Shirley Lorenzi | Cliff & Mary Schaffer |
| Stan & Mona Dunn | Don & Joan Macpherson | Bill & Amelia Taylor |
| John & Lebby Dyer | Clark Martin | Elmer & Edna Trevillyan |
| Dave Frederick | Ed McKellar | George & Glenda Tuppan |
| Jim & Margaret Frieden | Connie & Jerry Michalski | Harley & Lucille Workman |

As of this date - February 16, 1994 there are a total of 95 shipmates who have not responded with the prepaid postcards stating their intentions for the 1994 Reunion in San Diego. Please forward cards to Don Macpherson, - 2716 Ocean Park Bl., Santa Monica, CA. 90405. Enabling the Reunion Committee to make arrangements for this event.

FRED BRINKMAN - Columbia, SC - Roberta, my son and I spent about eight days in the Philippines December 19 - 26. We stayed in the Manila area and Baguio, located in the mountain area about 200 miles from Manila. You may remember our U.S.S. Lowndes stops in Manila Bay and Batangas on Luzon Island and also someplace on Leyte Island. I didn't recognize any particular landmarks except the old Spanish built walled city that was heavily damaged in World War II. Urban Manila is now a very crowded and over-populated city. We especially were impressed with the people's way of life and how family ties remain so close in the rural areas, even though their living standards are far below ours in the good old United States.

HARLEY HUGHES - Bakersfield, CA - I Was attached to the Beach Party Battalion in San Luis Obispo, CA summer of 1944. I was lucky - only 2½ hours away from my home in Bakersfield. On week-ends I took 3 or 4 guys home with me. I had a lot of sisters and brothers so there was no problem where to stay and eat. The fellows I brought home often were all members of the Beach Party. And each Saturday Night I or (I should say my girl friend got them all dates) and went to the Saturday night dance. On Sundays we played volley ball at the park - eat whatever the gals fixed. After two months we got orders to move out. We trained with the Army at Camp San Luis Obispo, slept on the beach near Morro Rock. We all hated to leave SLO. From there I went up to Astoria, Oregon and became a "Plank Owner" of the Lowndes. Later, ordered to Terminal Island for discharge on May 23, 1946.

JUNE (JOE) ZINKGRAF - Bellaire, TX - Joe and I went through the Admiral Nimitz Museum in the late '70s. He enjoyed it very much. Our daughter lives about 30 miles from there now. Joe enjoyed taking the son-in-law who teaches World History in high school there later. So recognition of the U.S.S. Lowndes there would have pleased him very much.

MRS. FLORENCE RICHARDS - Nebraska City, NE - My grandson, Stanley Duncan was sent to Texas last summer and he, his wife and 8 yr old daughter went to the Museum to see the plaque. They let them see it and said there were so many on the walls but were able to find Norman's. So this morning I took the picture of the plaque you sent me and put it in a wooden frame and have it on display.

MITCHELL CHASTEEN - Florissant, MO - It will be impossible for us to join you this year. Hopefully next year. Norma and I will celebrate our 48th Wedding Anniversary April 27th and have completed arrangements to spend 3 weeks touring Europe. As you know, we didn't get to see that part of the world during WWII. Best wishes for a happy '94 to all crew members and their families.

JOE FREITAS - Gustine, CA - Sorry, we cannot attend Reunion this year. Sept. is walnut harvesting time. Any other month would be okay.

MITCHELL CHASTEEN - Florissant, MO - Waiting for another Reunion in the Mid-West.

PAUL LINEBACK - Mount Airy, NC - During my 21 years in the Navy I served on Oldies like the "New York", the "Capella", as well as new ones, USS Alabama, the 674 USS Hunt. Each vessel had a man that stood tall in the Yeoman division. The Yeomen of the USS Lowndes - APA 154 were not just as good. Each was exceptional. To me it was a sad day when I had to leave the ship at Eniwetok.

WARREN PROCTOR - Jarrell, TX - We loaded troops at Pearl Harbor and went around the islands training boat crews and Army on invasion maneuvers. Planes were also training. One of the planes flew the wrong way and collided with another plane. We saw 3 men bail out. Ray Pease broke rank and picked one man up. I would have done the same if I had been close. Ray was almost court martialed for the act.

George Tuppan - LaHabra Hts., CA - Another happening that comes to mind about the Lowndes. Can't remember the month or year but we had to paint the engine and boiler room bulkheads. Not sure of the reason but believe it was because of an inspection by the brass. Worked on the project for about three weeks, never knew that white paint came in so many different shades. One could see where we started and stopped. Some of the paint was white with a pinkish tint, some with a blue tint and white with a grey tint. The 5 gallon buckets came from the paint locker and no one knew what color was coming up next. But it was fun (?) and the bulkheads did look clean when we finished.

BILL DAVIS - Portage, IN - Recall liberty on Espirito Santos and while on it, several of us went swimming in a clear and COLD river flowing from some higher elevation. Man! That water was COLD! But Ah! so refreshing! Lovely people on that island I'll say. Wish I had been more alert and got some sort of souvenirs from that spot. One guy did say something about a grass skirt - but not an empty one.

ELLIOTT T. PILCHARD - Oxnard, CA - When I reported for duty, as QM1c, the Lowndes was at dock at Astoria, Oregon - having just come down from the Columbia River where it had been launched on July 18, 1944 at the Oregon Shipbuilding yards at Portland. I first had to pick my "sack" (3rd hi of a 4 hi tier)...and I remember well its location...a deck above the evaporators...and a deck below the bakery...talk about HOT! After taking a quick look at facilities I would be using - the head - chow hall, etc. went to the bridge where I'd be working all the time. I was very impressed...the latest of everything and a fair amount of elbow room - which I wasn't accustomed to, on my last ship. The CQM when I came aboard was Michael Uporski.. he and I worked together getting necessary charts...navigation books (HO 214 - 211 - 208). Notices to Mariners - Coast Piloting - etc. Also the sextants...chronometers...plotting instruments...and whatever was necessary to navigate. Believe me, there were stacks of Notices to Mariners...published weekly and all this information had to be physically plotted on all charts aboard, such as changes in navigational aids and hazards of all kinds. This was a long and tedious job...as everything had to be exact. Dates and length of times have become vague (after all that was 46 years ago!) to me...so understand, my dates and times might not be exact unless of course I got it from a good source.

U.S.S. LOWNDES BEACH PARTY TALES

Before boarding the Lowndes, we were training with the Army at Camp San Luis Obispo 1944. Kelly BM1c who had been in the Navy for quite a few years took a gunny sack with him when we went to Pismo Beach on simulated landings with the Dogfaces. Some one asked Kelly "what are you doin' with the sack?" He answered "You'll see." That we did. At Pismo Beach (noted for clams) we watched as he dug the critters out of the sand & ate 'em. He brought a mess of them back to camp with him. Our quarters were wooden huts heated by an oil stove. Into a pail with some water went the clams and placed on the stove to simmer for hours. Thus was made his private stock of clam chowder.

Another story about Kelly involves our outing at the rifle range in Maui. As the day wore on it could be noticed that Kelly had more than "Maggie's Drawers" on his mind. Lt. Meadows called him over and asked for his canteen. As Kelly reached for a canteen, the Lt. said "Not that one, the other one." Poor Kelly what a pathetic figure he made as the Lt. poured the spirits on to the ground. Needless to say, I'm sure Beach Party members will agree that he was quite a character.

LEO O'BRIEN - Malden, MA - Margaret and I attended a ceremony at the Massachusetts State House "Hall of Flags" on February 19, 1994. The program was mostly U.S. Marines from the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions. It was quite impressive with the reading of names of Medal of Honor winners and the playing of taps. There were speeches from representatives of all branches of service and General Neil of the Marines and Desert Storm. The Marine Monument of Iwo Jima in Washington is the only National Monument of World War II and Massachusetts is the only state to recognize "Iwo Jima Day" The whole program was very moving.

Thanks to Dan Wisdom and Elliott Pilchard for their assistance in rounding out the Narrative History of the U.S.S. Lowndes.

OTTO WALKER - Bim, WV - So you want to know the recipe for S.O.S.? Well you have asked the most "Qualified" cook aboard the Lowndes. There were two different kinds of S.O.S. One was made of canned dry beef with layers of paper between the beef and it was pre-cooked and sliced, all we had to do was cut it up, then make a butter roux which consisted of flour and butter cooked in a dish pan, stirring until flour was fully cooked. Then beef broth was added until it was a thin sauce, then the sliced dry beef was added and seasoned to taste. It was served over toast. The Navy called it chipped beef on toast? The other recipe was identical with the exception that hamburger was substituted for the beef. I personally preferred the hamburger kind. But not many cooks would eat S.O.S. of ANY kind. After 31 months as first class - Warrant Officer McKeller recommended me for Chief telling me that the hardest part was the cooking.

Ed. Note: I still like it but Jean will use sliced hard boiled eggs instead of any kind of meat.

GEORGE & GLENDA TUPPAN - After flying into **Kennedy** airport Sunday we were herded together to a waiting bus that was to take us to our cruise ship. The bus snaked its way through the streets of **New York**. We boarded the **Golden Odyssey**, two hours later (Monday) we were underway cruising the **Atlantic Ocean**. The next morning (Tuesday) we docked at **Newport News, VA**, had breakfast aboard and started our bus tour to **Williamsburg**. All the buildings have been restored to their original look. **Rockefeller** set up a trust fund which is used for the maintenance and up keep of **Williamsburg**. We took a walking tour with the temperature around 50°. Had lunch at the oldest pub in town. A very informative tour. The following day (Wednesday) we were cruising the **Atlantic** again and had a **Russ Limbaugh** room, tapes and a VCR. The ship furnished drinks and snacks. Thursday - we docked in **Charleston, SC**, had breakfast and walked along taking in the sights until we approached a cemetery. Decided to take a look and **Glenda** pointed to a small marker with the letter "L", we started to read the names on a 4' x 6' granite marker over the grave. It read "**William Lowndes** October 17, 1871 - October 29, 1952 & His Wife". I said to **Glenda** that I believe this was the man our ship was named after. Upon arriving home, I checked the records and sure enough it was. Returning to the ship we had lunch, then boarding the tour bus we toured the city of **Charleston**, stopping to shop on the way to the **Citadel** - established in 1842. It was very much in the news because of a girl demanding to attend. We then drove to a point in the bay to view **Fort Sumter** and the history of the island during the war between the states. Friday we were back aboard the ship cruising the **Atlantic Ocean**. The ship had lost one engine so we could not complete the tour to **Savannah, GA** and had to head for **Nassau** or we would be late to catch our flight home. **Nassau** airport, customs, boarding plane for **Orlando** for connecting flight to **Los Angeles**.

(Can't understand why Machinist's Mate **George Tuppan** didn't take time to repair that engine).

READY FOR MORE "NOW YOU KNOW?"

Who was the shipmate that had the distinction of being the last crew member to leave the **Lowndes** on the date (17 April 1946) of decommissioning?

NAVY PUNISHMENTS IN THE MID-19th CENTURY:

John Jurica

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|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Bad cooking | - 12 strokes of whip | |
| Stealing leader's wig | - 12 strokes | Bagged 1 buck |
| Stealing liquor | - 12 strokes | & 2 wild pigs. |
| Dirty clothes | - 12 strokes | |
| Being naked on deck | - 9 strokes | |

Through 1969 there were a total of 232 listed **ATTACK TRANSPORTS (APA)**. The honor of one of them bearing the name of a shipmate of ours goes to **Rank Dawson - of Charleston, WV. - U. S. S. Dawson (APA 79)**

"Why is it that the one who snores falls asleep first?"

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MY LOG & DIARY - FRED BRINKMAN

Mar. 13 to Mar. 20, 1945 - Anchored in **Saipan Harbor** with troops of the **2nd Marines** aboard. Routine works consists of loading cargo. Beer-recreation parties on **Saipan**. Weather is very hot.

Mar. 21 to Mar. 28, 1945 - Prepared for our second invasion, we leave **Saipan** on March 27. In a convoy of twenty transports we head for the **Jap-held** island of **Okinawa** in the **Rykus**.

Mar. 29 to Apr. 5, 1945 - Celebrated **Easter** with L-Day on **Okinawa**, April 1st. The first and second days, we make fake landings on S.E. tip of the island. Enemy air opposition was hot.

Apr. 6 to Apr. 13, 1945 - With all troops aboard, we retire to sea to await orders for our "real" landing. Receive orders on April 11th and join the big fleet at **Okinawa** where fighting is tough.

Apr. 14 to Apr. 21, 1945 - All our troops and cargo have been landed on **Okinawa**. Enemy air opposition continues. However, we do not take casualties on board. Leave **Okinawa**. Arrive **Saipan** April 18.

Apr. 22 to Apr. 29, 1945 - Upon completion of our second invasion, we once more harbor in **Saipan** with only our crew aboard. We finally receive a rest.

Apr. 30 to May 7, 1945 - At anchor in **Saipan Harbor**. For the first time in many months, chow is good, there is little work with movies every night and mail calls each day.

May 8 to May 15, 1945 - At anchor in **Saipan Harbor**. On May 15th we pulled into the docks to load more cargo and troops as a preview to another invasion.

May 16 to May 23, 1945 - Receive a complete load of troops and cargo on May 16th. New orders are received four days later, when we again pull into the docks to unload troops and cargo.

May 24 to May 31, 1945 - At anchor in **Saipan Harbor** with only our crew on board. Routine work, including a complete painting and repairing of the ship.

June 1 to June 8, 1945 - Underway from **Saipan** on June 4th. Destination - **Tulagi Harbor** in the **Solomons**, where we will transport, either troops or cargo back to the **Mariannas**.

June 9 to June 16, 1945 - I become a Shellback on June 10th when we cross the **Equator**. Arrived in the **Solomons** on June 12th. Leave the **Solomons** on June 15th for **New Hebrides**.

June 17 to June 24, 1945 - Arrived at **Espiritu Santo** in the **New Hebrides** on June 17th. **Follett**, **Freider** and I received commendations on June 21st. Begin loading cargo on June 24th. Received two liberties. Underway from the **New Hebrides** on June 26th with full load of cargo headed for **Guam** by way of **Eniwetok**, the course we followed going south.

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It has been suggested by the Reunion Committee that shipmates hunt around in their closets of memories and bring an old photo of themselves to the Reunion in San Diego. Photo taken while in the Service.

This will inform you of the death of Albert P. Resetar on Dec. 10, 1993. Al had been in good health prior to his sudden fatal heart attack. We were looking forward to the next Lowndes convention. Both of us enjoyed the meetings at Fort Wayne, and at Harrisburg. He spoke often of the many friendships he renewed there. Sincerely

Jane Resetar

Al left the Lowndes October 1945 as an Ensign. He also served aboard the USS Prince Georges (AKA 224) and the USS Kennebago (AO 81). Last active duty was in July 1946. 1948 St. Joseph's College B.S., Collegeville, Indiana. 1948-51 LaRue, Ohio (Math, Science & Coach). 1951-52 Campbell, Lowrie, Lautermilch (Construction Chicago area). 1952-63 Benton Harbor, Michigan (Jr. High 3 yrs. Sr. High 8 yrs.) Also 5 yrs. at Benton Harbor Jr. College. 1955 Masters Degree - Purdue U. 2nd Masters U of Detroit. 1963-89 Professor of Mathematics Central Michigan U.

Also received word that Roy D. Collins passed away November 28, 1991.

Harold F. Ward passed away October 30, 1993.

We extend the Reunion Groups deepest sympathy to all the families and friends of these men, our shipmates.